

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10 have been allowed.

Statement of Substance of Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous telephonic interview of December 1, 2009. In the interview, the Examiner's Amendment was discussed. Upon review of the amended claims, Applicant's representative noted that the subject matter of claims 3 and 9 is not completely incorporated into claims 1 and 7. As a result, the scope of at least amended claim 7 is changed. Further, claims 5 and 6 were not amended to depend from claim 1. Finally, after amending claims 1 and 7, claims 4 and 10 contain redundant subject matter.

The Examiner agreed that the Examiner's Amendment of November 13, 2009, is incomplete and suggested filing an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to correct the inconsistencies.

Amendments

In order to correct the above-described inconsistencies, Applicants hereby amend claims 1, 4-7 and 10.

No new issues are raised and no new search is believed to be required, as the substance of the invention in the body of the claim, which formed the basis for allowance, is unchanged.

Conclusion

In view of the above, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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